

# Vallado, José Augusto

## (1896–1958)



José Augusto Vallado, 1958

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José Augusto Vallado was an evangelist canvasser in Brazil.

### Early Life and Family

José Augusto Vallado was born in August 1896 in the city of Viseu, Portugal, to Joaquim Augusto and Brígida Joaquina Vallado. José had two siblings, Maria and Joaquim.<sup>1</sup> José spent his childhood and youth in Portugal, where he attended elementary and high school. In 1925, José immigrated to Brazil seeking better living conditions, since Europe faced serious difficulties arising from World War I. The ship that brought him anchored

in the city of Rio de Janeiro, where he settled down and was hired as a salesman in a fabric store.<sup>2</sup>

He learned about the Adventist message through Henrique and Anita, who were also Portuguese emigrants. He attended Adventist Church meetings and accepted to study the Bible more in-depth with Anita's sister, Silvina Lobo (1904-1991), whom José began to date. José and Silvina were baptized on June 19, 1926, by Pastor Ricardo Wilfart in the Central Church of the city of Rio de Janeiro. On September 6 of the same year, they were married in a ceremony also held by Pastor Ricardo Wilfart. Silvina was born in Alijó in the district of Vila Real, Portugal. Alongside José, she dedicated herself to serve the Adventist Church through the Ladies Charity Society. She also assisted in the Silvestre Adventist Hospital's inauguration activities in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The couple had three children: Samuel, Jerusa, and Noêmia.<sup>3</sup>

## Fruitful Ministry

In 1927, José was trained to work on canvassing by José Cabral de Barros, a blind canvasser who worked in the Rio-Minas Gerais Mission.<sup>4</sup> Around this time, he left his job as a salesman to devote himself to the sale of denominational books on a fulltime basis, where he achieved success and received several awards.<sup>5</sup> He served in this ministry for seventeen years, working in the capital and several cities of the state of Rio de Janeiro, such as Petropolis, Teresopolis, Caxias, Magé, Barra Mansa, and Volta Redonda.<sup>6</sup> His example positively influenced his children, who all studied at the Brazil College (now UNASP-SP) and funded their studies through canvassing.<sup>7</sup>

In 1937, the Central Adventist Church of the city of Rio de Janeiro, where Vallado went on to serve as a deacon, treasurer, and elder, was inaugurated.<sup>8</sup> In 1944, he accepted the invitation to be the Director of the Publications Department of the Rio-Minas Gerais Mission.<sup>9</sup> His leadership extended to several cities of the state of Minas Gerais, among them: Belo Horizonte, Araxá, Uberaba, Uberlândia, Poços de Caldas, Governador Valadares, Teófilo Otoni, Barbacena, Juiz de Fora, Ubá, Muriaé, Divinópolis, and Itajubá.<sup>10</sup> While holding this position, José taught courses to canvassers and encouraged them to remain in the mission of spreading the gospel through the printed page.<sup>11</sup>

In 1953, he became ill and retired.<sup>12</sup> Despite this, he continued to work in the Rio de Janeiro Central Adventist Church, of which he was a member for thirty-three years.<sup>13</sup> He died on February 17, 1958, at the age of 61 in the city of Rio de Janeiro, where he was buried at Caju Cemetery. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Rodolpho Belz.<sup>14</sup> José Augusto Vallado's contributions to the publication ministry were highly significant in the Southeast part of Brazil, through which hundreds of families accepted the gospel message.

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